

SENATE RESOLUTION 9002

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Grailon Magnolia  
Richmond Gregory on the celebration of her  
100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Grailon Magnolia Richmond Gregory will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 27, 2021, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gregory grew up in the Pleasant Shade Big Creek community with her parents and seven siblings; as a young girl, she worked the cotton fields and tobacco patch; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed a forty-five-year career in the garment industry as a seamstress, often reconstructing the expensive, high-end garments she saw in dress shops, as well as creating her own patterns; when the garment industry moved to Mexico, she worked briefly as an assistant in the school cafeteria; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the garment factory in her seventies, Mrs. Gregory earned her GED; she had a lifelong affinity for school and learning and was even taught by Senator Albert Gore, Sr., in elementary school; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gregory is a woman of devout Christian faith, who was saved at an early age while a member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church; when she moved to the Dixon Springs community, she joined the Dixon Creek Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, over the years, she has enjoyed crocheting, quilting, cooking, and preserving food from the garden; she also processed pork and beef and raised and prepared chickens with her husband, Thomas Isaac Dickerson Gregory; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory were joined in marriage on December 25, 1940, and they enjoyed sixty-six years of marriage, until the time of Mr. Gregory's passing on February 8, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gregory is the beloved matriarch of a large family, which includes her two children, Mary Yvonne Gregory Carman Hunter and Hilda Jane Gregory Hines; three grandchildren, Dr. Tommy Lee Carman, Gregory Don Hines, and Jonathan Xavier Hines; eleven great-grandchildren, Steven Thomas Carman, Paul Taylor Carman, Phillip Payton Carman, Leah Rebecca Carman, Hartley Gail Hines, Ann Graylin Hines, William Grant Hines, Brady Xavier Hines (deceased), Josh Xavier Hines, Kendall Jane Hines, and Wesley Clyde Hines; and five great-great grandchildren, Cole Allen Carman, Lola Belle Carman, Raleigh Mae Carman, Nora Kay Carman, and Brooks Finley Carman; and

WHEREAS, as she enters her eleventh decade, Mrs. Gregory is still a positive force for good, admired for her wisdom, spirit of generosity, integrity, and enthusiasm for life; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Grailon Magnolia Richmond Gregory on the celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.